

Polanyi (*The Linguistic Structure of Discourse*) and further in view of Polanyi (*A Formal Model of the Structure of Discourse*). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

On page 3, lines 5-7, the Office Action indicates that no explanation was given as to what specific features of a modifier text unit patentably distinguish a modifier text unit from an adverbial clause text unit, as disclosed by Wical. Wical clearly teaches that an adverbial clause text unit identifies adverbial clauses at the beginning of a main clause that are not necessary to the meaning of those clauses. See col. 10, lines 45-46. In clear contradistinction to this disclosure in Wical, relied upon by the Examiner at page 5, lines 4-6 of the Office Action, the specification teaches that the context setting information recited in claims 1 and 13, from which claims 2-12 and 14-25 depend, provides context for the text that follows. See page 6, lines 19-23. Thus, it cannot be said of the context setting information that it is "not necessary to the meaning of the clause" as is the case with the adverbial clause text unit disclosed in Wical.

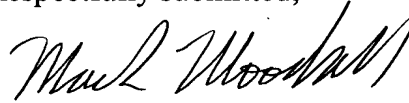
Applicants thank the Examiners for indicating in the Interview Summary for the November 17, 2004 interview that the relied upon disclosure in Wical does indeed fail to teach or suggest the context setting information recited in claims 1-25 in combination with the additional features of those claims.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 1-25 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-25 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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